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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	Examiner: S. Snyder
VAJDY et al.	Group Art Unit: 1648
Serial No.: 10/501,606	Confirmation No.: 9598
Filing Date: April 11, 2005	Customer No.: 27476
Title: HIV VACCINE FOR MUCOSAL DELIVERY (as amended)	

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sirs:

Transmitted herewith for filing, enclosed please find the following documents:

X Response After Final and Request to Withdraw Finality (7 pages)

X Return receipt postcard

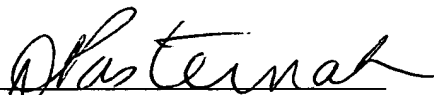
The fee is calculated as follows:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	40	- 40	0	x \$50.00	\$0
Independent Claims	6	- 6	0	x \$200.00	\$0
Multiple dependent claims not previously presented, add \$360.00					\$0
Total Fee					\$0
Sub Total					\$0
Small Entity Reduction (if applicable)					\$0
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$0

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 14, 2006

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 14, 2006, for which a response is due by November 14, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.